

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATION AT MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

1956

Morehead State University, previously an all-white Kentucky state-supported institution first admitted Negro students at the graduate and undergraduate levels in the summer of 1956 by a resolution of the Board of Regents.

1956

Morehead State University was the first state-supported institution to assign Negro students to dormitories, grant Negroes and whites the opportunity to occupy the same rooms and to place Negro married students in University-owned apartments.

Four Negro coeds were assigned to previously all-white dormitories in the summer of 1956 and one (L) occupied a room with a white coed.

1956-57

Morehead State University organized a Cosmopolitan Club to promote human relations between all races, creeds and religions. Mrs. Adron Doran was the founder of the Cosmopolitan Club. The widely-recognized Human Relations Conference, which brings high school youngsters of all races and religions from a three-state region to the Morehead campus, is an outgrowth of the Cosmopolitan Club.

1958

Morehead State University was the first state-supported institution in the OVC to award athletic grants-in-aid to Negro athletes - basketball and track.

1958

Marshall Banks (Negro) was awarded the outstanding athletic award at Honors Day.

1959

Morehead State University was the first member of the Ohio Valley Conference to play a Negro athlete (Howard Murphy) in football.

1959

Morehead State University was first state-supported institution in Kentucky to have Negroes hold membership in previously all-white social fraternities. (Marshall Banks became member of Campus Club in 1959.)

1959

President Doran received the Lincoln Key award from the Kentucky Education Association and the Lincoln Foundation for leadership in integration, becoming the first university president to receive the award.

1960

The first Morehead State University Negro student was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Since this date, numerous Negro students have been listed in Who's Who from Morehead.

1960 and beyond

Morehead State University is the only state-supported institution in Kentucky to have played Kentucky State College (predominantly Negro), in all inter-collegiate sports.

1966

Morehead State University became the first Ohio Valley Conference school to employ a Negro head coach. Marshall Banks was named head track and cross country coach.

1966

The first recipient of the President's trophy for excellence in athletics was a Negro (Tommy Gray).

Morehead State University was the first state-supported institution in Kentucky to employ Negro faculty members. There are seven (7) faculty members employed this fall.

1967-68

Morehead State University first awarded graduate assistantships to Negro students.

1967-68

Morehead State University became the first and only institution in Kentucky to elect a Negro Homecoming Queen by popular vote of the student body.

1967-68

Morehead State University became the first and only institution to have a Negro representative at the Mountain Laurel Festival at Pineville, Kentucky.

1967-68

Morehead State University was among the first institutions in Kentucky to have Negro presidents of House Councils in dormitories.

1968

Dr. Carl Hill, President of Kentucky State College, spoke at the summer Commencement Exercises. He and Mrs. Hill were overnight house guests of President and Mrs. Doran.

1968

Morehead State University was among the first institutions in Kentucky to have Negro female participants in University beauty pageants (MSU Pageant).

1968

Morehead State University was among first state-supported institutions in Kentucky to approve predominantly Negro social sororities and fraternities — Alpha Omega Iota was approved in 1968.

1968-69

Morehead State University was the first institution in Kentucky to have a Negro president of the Varsity Athletic Club. Mike Jackson was president of the Varsity M Club.

1969

Morehead State University was the first state-supported university to approve national Negro sorority — Delta Sigma Theta has been approved for Chapter status on the campus.

1969

A Black Studies Program was developed in the University curriculum and offered as a nine-hour program in the summer of 1969.

1969-70

The following courses are being offered in the present Black Studies curriculum:

Slavery Controversy in the United States
The Negro in American History
Africa to 1900
Africa Since 1900
The Negro in the Twentieth Century

1969-70

All scholarship, loan, grant and work-study programs are awarded without regard to race, creed or color.

1969-70

Negro females have participated as cheerleaders, band members, and as Drill Corps members.

1969-70

Negroes have served and are serving as captains of athletic teams.

October 23, 1969

Morehead State University met all requirements of the Equal Opportunity Program and Civil Rights Act and the University has notified all vendors and contractors that we are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PART IV--SERVICES, FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

1. Indicate whether or not "Negro" and/or "Other" students who are currently enrolled are free to participate in the following activities, and have access, on a nonsegregated basis, to the following facilities, without regard to race, color, and national origin			
A	ALL CAMPUS HOUSING, INCLUDING DORMITORIES	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
B	ALL COLLEGE SUPPORTED HOUSING (SEE INSTR. F)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	ALL AUXILIARY FACILITIES SUCH AS LIBRARIES, LABORATORIES, CAFETERIAS, COMMERCIAL CONCESSIONS, OFFICES, STUDENT UNIONS AND REST ROOMS	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
D	ALL ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES FOR THEIR PARENTS OR OTHER VISITORS	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
E	ALL UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, STUDENT LOANS & TRAINEESHIP STIPENDS) (SEE INSTR. D)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
F	ALL UNIVERSITY SUPPORTED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (E.G. ATHLETIC, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
G	ALL WORK-STUDY, AND JOB REFERRAL PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT AND JOB-PLACEMENT SERVICES (SEE INSTR. F)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
H	ALL OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LISTED BY THE COLLEGE (SEE INSTR. F)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. The following two items are for clinical and practical training (Medical, education, social work, etc.)			
A	ARE STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO TRAINING WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OF BOTH THE STUDENT AND THE PATIENT OR CLIENT?	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO
B	DOES THE TRAINING FACILITY OR INSTITUTION USED FOR CLINICAL OR PRACTICAL TRAINING (HOSPITAL, SCHOOL, WELFARE AGENCY, ETC.) PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR AND NATIONAL ORIGIN?	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. (A willfully false statement is punishable by law, U.S. Code Title 18, Sec. 1001.)

NAME OF PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION	TITLE	DATE PREPARED
Adron Doran	President	October 23, 1967
SIGNATURE	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER
<i>Adron Doran</i>	606	784-4181
REMARKS	EXTENSION	
	211, 212, and 213	

On September 21, 1956, our Board of Regents passed a resolution admitting students without regard to race, creed or color. We were the first state-supported institution of higher education in Kentucky:

- (1) ~~To~~ admit Negro students to undergraduate programs.
- (2) ~~To~~ assign Negro students to our dormitories, grant Negroes and whites the opportunity to occupy the same rooms and suites, and to place Negro married students in University apartments.
- (3) ~~To~~ award athletic grants-in-aid to Negro athletes.
- (4) ~~To~~ play Negroes as a member institution of the Ohio Valley Conference. (Tommy Gray, a Negro athlete from Birmingham, Alabama, received the first President's Trophy as the Most Outstanding Athlete last year.)
- (5) ~~To~~ employ Negro faculty members.
- (6) To grant graduate assistantships to Negroes.
- (7) ~~To~~ elect a Negro girl as Homecoming Queen with a majority of two to one by a vote of the student body.
- (8) ~~To~~ play Kentucky State College (predominantly Negroes) in all intercollegiate sports.
- (9) ~~To~~ cooperate with Kentucky State College in the Frankfort Semester Plan by which we send students and faculty to participate in an internship program in state government.
- (10) ~~To~~ receive the Lincoln Key Award presented to the president by the Kentucky Education Association for integration "without fanfare."
- (11) To conduct a tri-state Human Relations Day in cooperation with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in which the high school students were selected as members of various races, creeds and colors.

- (12) So far as we know, the record shows that the first Negro to earn a degree in medicine who did his undergraduate at an integrated college did his baccalaureate work at Morehead State University and his M.D. at University of Kentucky. (James Thomas)